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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestas, by approved makers
Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOS.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grapes
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummoll
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2
Hock: Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Cordials: assorted
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Cocoa and felt matting
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.
N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket
China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' GROCERY QUOTATIONS.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s 6d
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d
Sultanas, 8d per lb
Muscatels, 1s 3d per lb
Jordan Almonds, 2s 6d per lb
Elemes, 7½d per lb
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb
Two-crown Soap, 14s per box
Three-crown Soap, 17s per box
Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Lobsters, 11d per tin
Salmon, 1s per tin
Oysters, 7d per tin
Pickles, 1s per bottle
Candles 11d per lb
Tainish's Jams, 11d per tin
Marmalade, 11d per tin
Figs, 1s 6d per box

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Watertights, Elastic Sides and Lace-ups, Colonial Made, 16s 6d and 17s 6d.

Ladies' and Children's Boots (Copper Toes), 6s.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

Having already retired from our other up-country Stores, we have, now that our Mr Arndt is leaving the district, also decided to

GIVE UP OUR CROMWELL BRANCH.

THE WHOLE STOCK,

Consisting of

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, GROCERY, ETC.,

(Being the Largest and Best in any up-country town,) will be sold at prices that, we believe, will induce the people of the Cromwell and Dunstan District to make large purchases.

THE PREMISES,

Which would make a first-class Hotel (unless let or sold privately), will be sold by auction.

Persons desirous of purchasing a portion or the whole of the Business will be liberally dealt with.

Also,

VALUABLE SECTIONS AND BUILDINGS,

The Property of Mr Arndt, are in the market, and if not sold privately, will be offered by auction.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.

W. TALBOYS' PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &C.

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Good Wineys, 10d, 11d and 1s

French Merinoes, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

Double-width Plaid, 2s 6d

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s the dress

Black and Colored Lustres, 1s 2d

New Prints, fast colors, 6d, 8d and 10d

Newest patterns in Muslins, 10d and 11d

Latest fashions in Costumes, 17s 6d

Horrock's Calico, 36in, 6s 6d per doz.; Un-

bleached, 6s

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 13s per doz.

Blankets, all colors, from 15s

Brown Holland, 8d, 10d and 1s

Linen Diaper, 1s, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Fancy Linen Checks, 11d

Best Flannel, 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s

Muslin Curtains, 8s 6d the set

Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Floorcloths

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, in Colonial and English Tweeds and make

Suits, 37s 6d, 40s, 45s and 50s

Drill Suits, 25s

Trousers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s and 27s

6d

Trousers, Tweed, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s and 18 6d

Coats, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s and 30s; Pilot Cloth,

20s, 25s, and 27s 6d; Holland, 6s 6d and 8s

6d; Silk, 22s 6d

White Moles, 8s 6d; Colored, 10s 6d

Knit Drawers, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Mosgiel,

9s 6d; Serge, 7s 6d; Cotton and Merino,

3s, 3s 6d and 4s

Shirts—Flannel, 6s, 6s 6d and 7s 6d; Shepherd's

Plaid, 7s 6d, 8s 6d and 9s 6d; Crimean, 6s

6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Linen, 2s 6d, 3s 6d,

4s 6d and 5s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.

Boys' Colored Moles, 7s.

MILLINERY, UNDERCLOTHING, FISCHUES AND FANCY GOODS

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Cromwell



N O T I C E.
The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
February 6, 13, 20 and 27
March 6, 13, 20 and 27
April 3, 10, 17 and 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
June 5, 12, 19 and 26
CROMWELL—January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
February 7, 14, 21 and 28
March 7, 14, 21 and 28
April 4, 11, 18 and 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
June 6, 13, 20 and 27
ALEXANDRA—January 13
February 10
March 10
April 7
May 5
June 2 and 30
[The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]
ROXBURGH—January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1 and 29
May 27
June 24
BLACKS—January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 6
June 3.
W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden and R.M.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH-BUILDER,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL
(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales).
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to him with carefulness and despatch.
A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and Native Timbers kept in Stock.
Repairs done in best style.

K. PRETSCH,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.
Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.
Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General
BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
Begg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to
QUARTZVILLE,
where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Has just received, per Suez Mail, his first consignment of
SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES
direct from the Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.
E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.
A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.
INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—
E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

DOCTOR THOMAS
(from Collins and Lonsdale-streets, Melbourne) may be consulted at his rooms, Octagon, Dunedin, north-east corner, next Working Men's Club. Consulting hours from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m. Sunday included.
Young, middle-aged and elderly men suffering from Debility of the Generative System, Nervous, Skin and Contagious Diseases should consult the Doctor personally or by letter, enclosing stamps for a reply.
The following nominations have been passed by Dr Thomas:—Licentiate Royal College of Physicians, London, 1864; Doctor of Medicine, University of Giessen, Germany, 1871; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1859; and Licentiate in Midwifery, 1864.
Cases of Medicine forwarded to any part of New Zealand.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.
RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.
JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]
NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.
Accepts Fire Risks on every description of property, at lowest rates.
CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Agent, Cromwell.

SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO.
CAPITAL ... £750,000.
With unlimited liability of Shareholders.
PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
JOHN DAVIE, Esq. (Messrs M'Landress, Hepburn, and Co.)
JAMES MILLS, Esq., Manager Union Steam Ship Company.
JAMES RATTRAY, Esq. Messrs J. Rattray and Co.)
GEORGE TURNBULL, Esq. (Messrs W. and G. Turnbull and Co.)
CROMWELL AGENTS: **D. A. JOLLY & Co.**

The popularity of the South British among the insuring public is best shown by the large and steady increase in its business.
FIRST YEAR'S PREMIUM RECEIPTS ... £34,032
SECOND DO. DO. ... 69,041
THIRD DO. DO. ... 95,184
Every description of Fire Insurance business undertaken. The liberality and promptness in settlement which have been important features in securing the above rapid progress still characterise the South British.
Every information supplied by
D. A. JOLLY & CO.,
Agents, Cromwell.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.
J. C. JONES
Begg to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply
SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.
Gristing at Current Rates.
J. C. JONES.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.
RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
PROPRIETORS.
The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.
Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.
RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY,
Great King-street, Dunedin.
KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Founders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.
Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.
Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels, Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-ing Gear.
Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.
Flour-mill Machinery.
All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power Machines made and repaired.
Improved Reaping Machines.
K. M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

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SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.
G. W. GOODGER . . . Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.
CROMWELL
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
Next door to
STARKEY'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,
General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c.,
Begg to intimate to the public that he has purchased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY, as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying strict attention to business, and turning out good substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED FOR TIRING WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.
Light shoes ... 10s.
Draught do. ... 16s.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS
Having purchased the business as General Blacksmith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately carried on by Mr H. Cayford, begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.
Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—
MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,
Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of
WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND FAMILY GROCERIES
of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL PRODUCE
of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.
FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE
from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

A. G. WATSON
(Late Watson and Gow),
Begg respectfully to inform his numerous friends and the public generally that he has commenced Business as General Blacksmith and Wheelwright in the premises occupied by the late firm, and trusts, by attention and making none but first-class articles, to merit a share of public patronage. Town and country orders punctually attended to.—Princes-street south, Dunedin.

Miscellaneous.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,
Supply First-class
SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.
Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.
E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.
Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

E. LYONS
(Late J. B. L. Luks),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

COBB AND CO.'S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE,
Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.
Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.
H. CRAIG & Co.,
Proprietors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.
Impurity of the Blood.—Enteabled Existence.

This medicine embraces every attribute required in a general and domestic remedy; it overturns the foundation of disease laid by defective food and impure air. In obstruction or congestion of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable and eminently successful. They should be kept in readiness in every family, being a medicine of incomparable utility for young persons, particularly to those of feeble constitutions.

Biliousness, Loss of Appetite, Headache and Lowness of Spirits.

These Pills effect a truly wonderful change in debilitated constitutions, as they create a healthy appetite, correct indigestion, remove excess of bile, and overcome giddiness, headache, and palpitation of the heart.

Mothers and Daughters.
If there is one thing more than another for which these pills are famous it is their purifying properties, especially their power of cleansing the blood from all impurities, removing dangerous congestions, and renewing suspended secretions. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints, these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about what is required.

Nervous Debility.
Persons who feel weak, low, and nervous, may rest assured some serious ailment is looming in the distance, against which instant action should be taken. These renowned Pills present the ready means of exciting energetic action on the liver, liberating accumulated bile, and lifting at once a load from the spirits and expelling a poison from the body.

Indigestion, Stomach, and Liver Complaints.

Persons suffering from any disorders of the liver, stomach, or other organs of digestion, should have immediate recourse to these Pills, as there is no medicine known that acts on these particular complaints with such certain success.

Holloway's Pills are the best Remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

Ague	Inflammation
Asthma	Jaundice
Bilious Complaints	Liver Complaints
Blotches on the Skin	Lumbago
Bowel Complaints	Piles
Colic	Rheumatism
Constipation of the Bowels	Retention of Urine
Consumption	Scrofula, or King's Evil
Debility	Sore Throats
Dropsy	Stone and Gravel
Dysentery	Secondary Symptoms
Erysipelas	Tic Doloroux
Female Irregularities	Tumours
Fits	Ulcers
Gout	Veneral Affections
Headache	Worms of all kinds
Indigestion	Weakness, from whatever cause
	&c. &c. &c.

Each Pot and Box of the Genuine Medicines bears the British Government Stamp, with the words "Holloway's Pills and Ointment, London," engraved thereon.
On the label is the address, 533, Oxford street, London, where alone they are manufactured.

Beware of all Compounds styled
HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT
With a "New York" Label.

Hotels.

KIRTLBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.
Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

R. ANDERSON ... Proprietor.

The above well-known hotel has recently been refitted, and now affords the most comfortable accommodation

Wines, Spirits, &c.; of the best brands.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.JAMES STUART,
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.)

Desires to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE, with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

N O T I C E

After this date, POISON will be laid for DOGS on Runs 459 and 461, being Dingle Station.

TIMOTHY COTTER.

December 18, 1878.

Cromwell

**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY**

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices, throughout the district.

**CROMWELL BUTCHERY**
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

**R. AND W. OLDS,**
FAMILY BUTCHERS,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.

**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS FOOTF,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER.MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

COACH TO LAKE WANAKA.

KIDD'S MAIL COACH

Leaves Goodger's Hotel, Cromwell,
FOR LAKE WANAKA

Every
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Morning, at 7 o'clock, returning the following day.

Booking Office for Passengers and Parcels:
GOODGER'S HOTEL, CROMWELL.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Mackay, of Queenstown, in the Provincial District of Otago, Roman Catholic Priest, and Charles Colclough, of Cromwell, in the said Provincial District, Mining Agent, claiming as Devises in trust under the Will of Michael Shanley, late of Cromwell aforesaid, farmer, deceased, have made application to the District Land Registrar of the District of Otago to be registered as proprietors in fee simple of Sections numbered respectively 29 and 35, block III, and 2, 3, 4 and 22, block VI, on the map of the Town of Cromwell aforesaid, and that the said John Mackay and Charles Colclough will be so registered as such proprietors unless caveat forbidding same be lodged in this office within one calendar month from the date of gazetting this notice.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin, the 20th day of January, 1879.

A. W. SMITH,
District Land Registrar.

Miscellaneous.

V.  R.**OTAGO GOLD FIELDS.**

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,
Cromwell, January 27, 1879.

To the Warden, Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a Lease of Land, for agricultural purposes, situate at Cromwell Flat, bounded on the north by Fleming's agricultural lease, on the south by Campion's lease, and on the east and west by Crown lands, and comprising 100 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

THOMAS WILSON,
By his Agent, Jas. Marshall.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on the 14th day of February, 1879.

W. L. SIMPSON,
Warden.

Stud Horses.

**THE DRAUGHT ENTIRE HORSE**
CLYDE

Will Travel the Cromwell and Hawea Districts during this Season.

CLYDE is a powerful dark chestnut, 16 hands high, docile temper, and of great sinew. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter in the Blacks District, where his stock is held in high value.

Terms - - - £3.

Groomage, 5s, payable on Service.

Guarantees as per arrangement.

Season to end 1st February, 1879, on or before which Service must be paid for.

ROBERT KIDD,
Proprietor,
Lower Flat, near Cromwell.

**THE CLYDESDALE ENTIRE HORSE****SURPRISE**

Will Stand this Season at Mr J. Drummy's Farm, Ida Valley.

SURPRISE, bred by John Hamilton, Esq., is by that well-known Clydesdale sire Thane of Clyde, imported to Southland by Hugh M'Lean, Esq. Dam bred by A. Clerke, Esq., Longford, Tasmania, and imported into this province by the Messrs Clerke Brothers, for breeding purposes on their farm.

Surprise is a dark dappled bay, stands 17 hands high, and is now rising twelve years. He is a remarkably compact and powerful horse with immense bone, fine flat leg, unequalled action, and docile temper. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter, and his stock are not surpassed by the progeny of any horse which has ever served in the Southland district, where he has travelled three years in succession.

Surprise took second prize at two, three and four years' old at the Invercargill Annual Show against all comers.

A Paddock for the accommodation of Mares coming from a distance will be provided free of charge, without responsibility. The greatest care taken.

TERMS - - - £3.

Groomage, 5s.

No Foal no Pay; all Guarantees.

NOTE.—All Mares delivered in Clyde or Alexandra taken delivery of and returned free of charge, without responsibility. Every care taken, but no responsibility. Mares sent home to Cromwell at end of season, of which due notice will be given.

JEREMIAH DRUMMY,
Ida Valley.

Stud Horses.

**THE DRAUGHT ENTIRE HORSE**
YOUNG DAN O'CONNELL

Will Stand this Season at Grove Farm,
Cromwell.

Terms - - - £3.

Paddock accommodation provided.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility.

JOHN TOWAN,
Proprietor.

**THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE**
ARCHITECT

Will travel the Cromwell and Dunstan Districts during this Season.

ARCHITECT is a rich bay, with black points, stands 16½ hands, with great bone and substance, a splendid temper and grand constitution. He is a sure foal-getter, and his stock show both size and quality. Mechanic, by Architect, was purchased last year by Sir A. D. Bell, Shag Valley, for £120.

ARCHITECT by Peter Wilkins, dam Governess by Conrad, from Bequest by Snoozer, from Medea by Mozart, from Whizgig by Whalebone, from mare by Canopus, from mare by Young Woodpecker, from Radish by Pot-8-os.

Conrad by Camel by Whalebone, &c. Snoozer by Muley from Bequest, by Election from Legacy, &c. Mozart by Governor from Laurel Leaf by Stanford, &c.

Peter Wilkins (sire also of The Quack, winner of the Melbourne Cup, Benvolio, winner of the Sydney Derby, &c., &c.), by the Flying Dutchman (winner of the Epsom Derby and Doncaster St Leger, 1849), from Boarding-school Miss by Plenipotentiary from Marpessa, &c.

See N. Z. Stud Book, vol. V.

TERMS - - - £4 4s.

Groomage, 5s, payable on service.

GOOD PADDOCKS.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility incurred.

I. LOUGHNAN.

20th September, 1878.

**THE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE****HARUHA**

Bred by H. Redwood, Esq.,

WILL TRAVEL THE ARROW & QUEENSTOWN DISTRICTS.

HARUHA is a bay horse, stands 15½ hands, bred by Mr Redwood in 1872. Got by Towton—dam Fair Puritan, by Oliver Cromwell out of Coronaria (imported), by Sweetmeat out of Jessica, by Launcelot, own brother to Touchstone.

Towton (imported), by Melbourne—dam Cinizelli, by Touchstone; Oliver Cromwell, by Potentate, out of Woodstock, by Theorene (imported), out of a mare imported to New South Wales from England.

Potentate, by Sir Hercules (sire of the Barb), out of Princess, by Gratis (imported).

Marchioness (own sister to Towton) won the Oaks in 1865. Marchioness has bred in Victoria—Rose of Denmark, Fishhook, Angler (sire of Robinson Crusoe, winner of the Derby). The Peer, full brother to Towton, is sire of Manuka, Peeress and several other noted horses. The Marquis, a son of Cinizelli, by Stockwell, won the Two Thousand Guineas in 1862, ran second for the Derby, for which he was first favorite, and won the St. Leger.

Good Paddocks provided for Mares from a distance.

All care taken, but no responsibility.

TERMS - - - £4.

Groomage fee, 5s.

Full particulars can be obtained from W. Welsh, Arrow, or

TOM BEAUFORT.

Vincent County Gazette.

TAKE NOTICE.—The VALUATION LISTS for the Ridings of Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau and Nevis, in the Vincent County, for the year 1879-1880, are now open for inspection at the County Offices, Clyde, and a copy of each is also open for inspection at the Court House, Cromwell.

All objections thereto must be left at the County Office, Cromwell Bridge, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Office of the County Council, Clyde, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Clyde, 15th January, 1879.

THE RATING ACT, 1876.

COUNTY OF VINCENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court will sit at the County Offices, Cromwell, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of March next, at the hour of noon, to consider all objections made to Valuations of Property within the Ridings of Kawarau, Nevis, Hawea, Lindis and Clutha, Vincent County, at which place all objections must be lodged.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Judge of Assessment Court.
Clyde, January 31st, 1879.

THE RATING ACT, 1876.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court for the above-named Borough will sit at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, the 14th day of March next, at the hour of noon, for the purpose of hearing and determining all objections to the Valuation Lists of rateable property in the Wards of the said Borough.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Judge of Assessment Court.
Clyde, January 31st, 1879.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

In accordance with the new Borough By-laws persons using Cowyards within the Borough after 14 days from date of this notice will be prosecuted.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Mayor.
February 1st, 1879.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

TENDERS will be received up to Noon on FRIDAY, 14th February, for the EXTENSION of the Council Chamber 16ft, putting in new Front, and building Strong-room, &c.

Specifications can be seen at the Town Clerk's office.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.

NOTICE.

The VALUATION LIST for the Borough of Cromwell for the year 1879 is now open for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

All objections thereto must be left at the Court House, Cromwell, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at my office not later than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.
Cromwell, January 16, 1879.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Borough Council of Cromwell will be held at the Council Chambers, Cromwell, on Friday, February 21st, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of confirming the following resolutions, adopted at a Special Meeting of the said Council, held on Friday, January 17th, and which resolutions are as follows:—

1. That the whole of the By-laws heretofore existing in the Borough of Cromwell be repealed.
2. That the By-laws, No. 1 to 8 inclusive, as read and revised by the Council be adopted.

Dated at Cromwell this 18th day of January, 1879.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.

V. R. IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of the "Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876," and "The Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1878," and of the Bankruptcy of PHILLIP HILL, of Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that Charles Colclough, of Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, a Certificated Accountant in Bankruptcy, has been appointed, by the Clerk of the District Court of the Otago Goldfields holden at Cromwell, Creditors' Trustees in the above Estate, and that he has, in writing, accepted such appointment.

Dated this thirty-first day of January, 1879.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,
Clerk to the District Court.

V. R. IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT, CROMWELL.

D. A. JOLLY v. JOHN MUIRHEAD.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that, by virtue of a Distress Warrant in the above suit to me directed, I will sell by public auction, at 2 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 6th day of February, on the ground, all Right Title and Interest (if any) of the above defendant in and to the following Property, viz.,

- One four-roomed iron-roofed Cottage with Garden (securely fenced)
- One No. 7 Vesper Stove (new)
- Also,
Chairs, Tables and other articles of Furniture

Situated near Mr Jones's Accommodation House, Bannockburn, unless the above claim be sooner satisfied.

FREDERICK JEFFERY,
Bailiff.

31st January, 1879.

V. R. NOTICE.

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Herby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Districts of Cromwell Town and Cromwell District will be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1879, in the Court House, Cromwell, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid districts in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

S. MEAD DALGLIESH,
Clerk to Licensing Court.
Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Cromwell, February 1st, 1879.

V. R. NOTICE.

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Herby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the District of Cardrona will be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1879, at Pembroke, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

JAMES FLEMING,
Clerk to Licensing Court.
Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Arrowtown, February 1st, 1879.

NOTICE.

I will not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by my Wife from this date.

JOHN SAUL,
Grand View Hotel, Sandy Point.
January 16th, 1879.

FOR SALE,

By Private Treaty,

The PROPERTY lately known as Starkey's Hotel. Terms easy.

Particulars from
CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL CO. (LIMITED).

A CALL of 1s per Share has been made payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 12th February.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

STAR OF THE EAST QUARTZ-MINING CO., REGISTERED.

The Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, February 5th, at 7 p.m.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, 14th February, 1879, at 4 p.m.

Business: To consider the financial position of the Company.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.



CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

GOVERNMENT PARADE on
WEDNESDAY, 12th inst., in
the Drill Hall.

S. N. BROWN,
Captain Commanding.

FOR SALE,

By Private Contract,

The GRAND VIEW HOTEL at Sandy Clutha; together with Garden well stocked with fruit trees, a good Pad-dock and a quantity of Stock.

For full particulars, apply to

Mr J. SAUL,
At the Hotel;
Or, to
JAS. MARSHALL,
Agent, Cromwell.

If not sold before the 15th of February the whole will be submitted to public auction.

DUNEDIN CUP, 1879.

A CONSULTATION

On the above Event will be held by
3000 SUBSCRIBERS AT £1 EACH,

To be divided as follows:—

First Prize	...	£1200
Second Prize	...	500
Third Prize	...	300
Starters (divided)	...	500
Non-starters (divided)	...	500

£3000

Crossed cheques, with exchange (1s) added, and stamps for reply and result.

GEORGE DODSON, Treasurer.

Address: Box 27, Port Chalmers.



CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER 1879.

CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, 2 sovs. forfeit, with 50 sovs. added by the Club. For 3-year-olds, bred in Vincent and Lake Counties. Derby weights—Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a-half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1879, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR,
Secretary.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 5th February, at 8 o'clock.

J. A. PRESRAW,
Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Mr BLACKIE will hold Divine Service at the LIBRARY HALL, NEVIS, on Sabbath first, 9th instant, at half-past ten a.m.

Services at Bannockburn and Cromwell as usual.

ACCOUNTS due to THE CROMWELL ARGUS Office up to 22nd January, 1879, have now been rendered, and it is specially requested that payment of same be made within the present month at latest.

Owing to the difficulty of the collector getting round the outlying parts at the present time, parties indebted will please forward the amounts due by post or otherwise.

Argus Office, February 1st, 1879.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next Suez mail will close here on Wednesday, 12th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

The next Frisco mail will close here on Monday, 24th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

BIRTH.

At Cromwell, on 31st ultimo, the wife of Karl Pretsch, of a daughter.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1879.

TAUGHT by former experience of Ministerial visits, we are not inclined to attach great importance to them, nor expect a tithe of the benefits promised so liberally by members of the Cabinet when on a tour through the country. We have a lively recollection of the suave BOWEN being liberally deputationised, and remember well how copiously he "took notes" of our needs, and promised to see them complied with; but, alas! when he shook the dust off his heels over Cromwell bridge, his plausible promises passed from his memory—at least no results followed. The same story may be told of Mr D. REID in his capacity of Cabinet Minister, although that gentleman was not so profuse in his promises as was "poor BOWEN," and less might have been looked for at his hands. In each case, however, the outcome was the same—nil. Then again, we had Mr LARNACH, who was not behind his predecessors in empty blandishment. Whether or not the GREY Ministry are "tarred with the same brush" as their predecessors in the art of staving-off the wants of the people, we are not quite prepared to say. When they have been addressed on any matter of local importance, the reply has invariably been courteous but perplexingly undecided, and consequently the public expressions of Ministers have come to be looked upon with considerable suspicion. We all know that words are cheap, and it is only by their actions that men can be judged. Ministers who are continually badgered in every town they pass through are apt to get into a style of promising without any intention to perform, just to make things pleasant as they go. In the course of to-morrow or Thursday, two of the most prominent members of the Government will be in Cromwell, and as a matter of course they will be "interviewed." But we much mistake Messrs SROUT and BALLANCE if the result of their visit be not more advantageous to the people of this district than was the case in times past. These gentlemen have a reputation for saying what they mean, and we have never yet heard it laid to their charge that a promise made remained unfulfilled. Perhaps one of the chief mistakes made in interviewing Ministers is that of asking too much. We do not think that on the present occasion Cromwell will fall into this error. But there are one or two important matters that require a definite reply, and we trust Ministers will see their way clear to give this. The first and most important will be that of opening land throughout this division, and on this matter there should be no evasive answer. Land we want, and land we must have, if the district is ever to rise above the plodding everyday struggle it has labored under for years. We read every week of the liberal land views held by Ministers, and now we are about to have an opportunity of hearing from their own lips their sentiments on this great and all-important matter. If they profess an ardent desire to see the people happily settled, then we shall know what is the difficulty in bringing about such a consummation in our own district. So much depends upon immediate action in this direction that it absorbs all other matters in which the people are interested, and we trust it will be pressed upon Messrs SROUT and BALLANCE in no

uncertain fashion. If at all possible, a run up the Clutha Valley will at once satisfy the visitors of the capacities of the country as well as the anxiety of intending settlers to profitably occupy it. With a view to bringing under the notice of these gentlemen this and other matters affecting the district, we would suggest that the Mayor and Borough Council, with other leading citizens, meet and confer on a course of action, so that representations may be properly framed, and as short a call as possible made on Ministers' time. The opportunity is one that may not again offer, and it should be turned to the best advantage.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

DUNEDIN, February 4, 11.15 a.m.
Thomas Mead has died at the hospital from the result of injuries received by a fall of stone at Anderson's Bay.

Arrived: Ship Easterhill, from London.
Telegrams from Gore report a great improvement in Conyers' condition last night.

The Otago cricketers (7 against Canterbury) comprise Verner, T. Austin, F. Fulton (captain), M'Neil, Douglas, Paramor, Glen, Clark, Haskell, Crashaw, and Spring; Rose, umpire.

100 Chinese have been employed on the Tapanui railway contract. The Europeans show a disposition to resent their presence.

The scores in the Sydney match were:—Englishmen: Ulyett 51 (first innings), 20 (second); Lucas, 7 and 15; Webb, 1 and 27; Hornby, 12 and 20; Harris, 50 and 22; Penn, 56 and 18; Emmett, 9 and 16; Roxie, 13 and 29; Absolom, 16 and 22; Schultz, 13 and 1; Horne, 16 and 0. Sundries, 4 and 27. Australians: A. Bannerman, 28 and 15; Murdoch, 70 and 49; Thompson, 50 and 9; Massie, 30 and 78; Allan, 90 and 5; Evans, 21 and 1; C. Bannerman 0 and 60; Barratt, 12; Searle, 0; Tindall, 9; Coates, 2. Sundries, 18 and 9. At the close of the match, 138 was collected for C. Bannerman.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, February 1.

Money market is rather firmer. The bank reserve is stronger, being nearly 13 millions. Consols, 96½. The market for Australian securities has experienced a strong revival.

Wools are quiet at current rates; in fine wools the business is less depressed.

Zulu, the Kafir King, refused to listen to the British ultimatum, and British troops immediately crossed the frontier, attacking and capturing the principal outposts.

Owing to reputed enroads on settlements on the Guinea coast, the Portuguese Government has declared war on the hostile tribes, and a strong expeditionary force is being fitted out.

Potter and Stronach, the Glasgow Bank directors, have been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, and the other directors to eight months' imprisonment.

A dividend of 1s 6d per share in the Cromwell Quartz-mining Company has been declared.

In contradistinction to the action of Vincent County Council in preventing the publication of prices tendered for public works, we note that Maniototo and Tuapeka publish details of both accepted and rejected tenders.

Last year Mr Roger Bell, chairman of Kawarau Gorge school committee, presented for the use of the school a valuable key map of the province of Otago. Such acts of kindness in furtherance of growing institutions merit honorable mention.

Mr Jenour, the local Registrar, requests us to intimate that the public vaccinator, Dr Corse, is now prepared to vaccinate children in the Cromwell district, and also that parents had better take advantage of this notice to save information being laid against them.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the Cromwell School was held on Friday evening. The business to be transacted was of a merely formal nature—the election of a chairman and secretary. For these offices, respectively, Messrs J. A. Preshaw and James Marshall were re-elected.

After many delays, a school has been established at Bendigo, and a long-felt necessity met. The Committee elected to manage the institution during the first year of its existence consists of Messrs Rowland Morris (elected chairman), William Cameron, William Rooney, Charles Todd, L. Oliver, John Kane and William Grenfell.

The controversy between Messrs Green (Evangelist) and Mr Bright (Freethinker) on "The Divine Origin of Christianity," held in the Queen's Theatre, Dunedin, during the past week, has come to a close; and the opinion seems generally to be that Mr Bright got a good deal the worst of it. However, the Benevolent Asylum has profited in a very tidy sum taken for admission to the discussion, and most people will think this the only profitable feature in the affair.

We have been requested to call attention of the Borough Council to the necessity for placing some protection on the steep bank of the Clutha River at a point between the residence of Mr S. N. Brown and that of Mrs R. A. Brown. Some time ago a party of miners began to sluice the bank at this place, and before their operations were put a stop to they managed to wash away close up to the track, leaving a precipice of great depth. There is a deal of traffic along this particular roadway, and if a protective fence be not erected, a serious if not fatal accident is only a matter of time.

Edgar Bastings has been committed for trial on the charge of forgery.

The Rev. A. R. Fitchett commenced his ministrations as curate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Dunedin, on Sunday last.

We observe that Mr R. G. Whetter, son of our townsman, Mr W. H. Whetter, has been appointed assistant teacher in the Forbury school.

Mr De Lautour, M.H.R., addressed his constituents at Naseby on Thursday evening last. The meeting was largely attended, and a unanimous vote of confidence in him was passed at the close of his speech.

This year's batch of tree seeds, imported by the Government every season from California, has just arrived at Wellington, and will be ready for distribution very shortly. They are of a superior class, and have come to hand in excellent condition. The municipal authorities should take the hint.

At last week's meeting of the Waste Lands Board, Mr Thomas Anderson, Wanaka road, through the district land office, applied to have application No. 871d, being section 1, Tarras district, amended from one acre to six acres. The runholder having consented, the application was granted, subject to its being duly advertised.

The unprecedented calamities caused by the floods, and the very serious losses sustained throughout this district, render it more than ever satisfactory to W. TALBOYS, of the London House, that he is in a position to mitigate the evil to some degree by offering his Drapery and Groceries at exceedingly low prices. His Groceries, of which he has laid in a large stock, are quoted in another column fully 25 per cent. below ordinary retail rates. The drapery prices are bearing fruit every day.—W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell.—[Adv.]

In a leading article on the recent controversy between Messrs Bright and Green on "The Divine Origin of Christianity," the *Daily Times* comes to the conclusion that the subject selected was one altogether unfitted for a public controversy, and that, on the whole, the heads of the religious bodies in Dunedin acted wisely in not giving much direct countenance to it. It was undoubtedly a creditable feature in the recent proceedings that there was no attempt to over-stimulate the emotions, and work upon the susceptibilities that are so readily excited among masses of people in similar circumstances. It may therefore be safely said of these four nights at the Queen's Theatre, that if they have not greatly contributed to the elucidation of truth, neither have they in any sense assisted the progress of error.

On our seventh page will be found an account of the disaster by fire to the immigrant ship Piako, bound from Plymouth to Lyttelton. All those who read the account of Captain Boyd's conduct when the ship was found to be on fire, will be inclined to agree with what a Lyttelton contemporary says on the subject in the following words:—"There can be no doubt that the lives of the 288 emigrants and of the crew were saved by the splendid coolness and steady courage displayed by Captain Boyd under most appalling circumstances. It will be seen that the Piako, after having been scuttled in the Pernambuco roads, was successfully raised, and according to latest advices was again on her way to Lyttelton, where she is expected to arrive from Feb. 10 to Feb. 15. It may well be imagined that the eminent services Captain Boyd has rendered will not be lost sight of."

We have received from Mr F. F. Bailliere, the well-known Melbourne publisher, a pamphlet on "The Chinese Question in Australia," ostensibly edited by L. Kong Meng, Cheok Hong Cheong, and Louis Ah Mouy, Chinese Merchants in Melbourne. As may be conceived, the work is favorable to the Chinese, and their emigration to the colonies, and the argument adduced in favor of the Mongolian are very strongly put. The comparisons drawn between the Chinese and the British, as a people, are not at all flattering to the former, and strike the reader as something really original and—well, "cheeky." We quote a passage as a sample of this:—"In the name of heaven, we ask, where is your justice? Where your religion? Where your morality? Where your sense of right and wrong? Where your enlightenment? Where your love of liberty? Where your respect for international law? Which are the 'pagans'—you or we?" On the whole, however, the editors have not made out a bad case for their countrymen, and force of language is perhaps necessary in advocating so unpopular a subject as Chinese immigration. The pamphlet is well worth reading, and we shall be happy to lend it to any one who may wish to peruse it.

Some few weeks ago, while commenting on the dilatoriness shown by the Government in the throwing open of lands for settlement in the Upper Clutha Valley, we referred to the excuse put forward of the difficulty of getting surveys executed. We then suggested that the Government should let the survey of certain blocks by contract. We now find the *Otago Witness* advocating the same thing, and we trust the authorities will see fit to act on the advice without delay. Our contemporary says:—"We believe the contract system will have to be largely extended if the survey work is to be kept up to date. It is imperative that when a block is decided on, the people should not be kept out of it indefinitely on merely departmental grounds of this kind. The discontent is deep in the interior of this provincial district that such obstacles should occur to render the procuring of a bit of land a task of surpassing difficulty. Further on our contemporary suggests a wise provision in the following words:—"The mining industry has for some time declined in its relative importance compared with the other industries of the country, and it is extremely desirable that the men who do not find it pay any longer, or who can only make it pay during part of the year, should have something to fall back upon. A limited form of free selection, at such a price as would deter monopolists, and on such conditions as would prevent a few proprietors from shutting up adjoining mining claims, is what is wanted, and what has never yet been attempted in this province."

The *Tuapeka Times* is informed that it is no uncommon thing to find women at work on one of the small sections of the Waipahi-Tapanui railway.

Thomas Mead, a contractor in Dunedin, met with a terrible accident at Anderson's Bay on Friday last. While carting stones from a quarry a huge block fell upon him, smashing both his legs so seriously that amputation of the limbs was found necessary. Our telegrams announce the man's death.

The question of issuing free passes to the Press has at last been settled. Messrs Lawson and Conyers recommended that one free pass, to be used for reporting purposes only, should be issued to each newspaper office in the colony. This recommendation was submitted to a Cabinet meeting and was approved of. Mr Lawson at once had circulars printed informing newspapers of the decision arrived at, and these were posted to the various newspapers in the colony.

The adjourned half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Cromwell Quartz-mining Company was held on Wednesday last. About a dozen shareholders were present, and Mr C. S. Reeves occupied the chair.—The Secretary (Mr J. A. Mackenzie) read the report and balance-sheet for the half-year, showing that the gold returns had been 14,787 9s 11d and that a dividend of 1s 6d per share had been declared.—The report was adopted and after a motion had been carried to the effect that 175 per annum be set apart for remuneration of the directors, and that the secretary's salary be increased by £25 per annum, the meeting separated.

A paragraph is going the rounds of the papers telling as an instance of the unnecessary expenditure of County Councils, how Mr Wakefield at a recent meeting at Geraldine mentioned that when in Dunedin on one occasion he was walking through Messrs Guthrie and Larnach's factory with Mr Larnach, when they came across the most magnificent suite of furniture, and asked one of his men who it was for. The reply was, "Oh sir, this is for the Lake County Council." The cost of that furniture was 80 guineas. [We have now seen this "magnificent suite of furniture" hooked to Lake, Tuapeka, and Maniototo, and shall not be surprised to yet have it assigned to Vincent, as an item of the £150 passed for furniture at last meeting.]

The business in the Resident Magistrate's Court on Friday last was of an unimportant nature, comprising the following civil cases, in none of which was there any appearance of defendant:—J. L. Moore and another v. Ah Tane and others, £8 10s. Carrick Water Supply Co. v. Same, £50 18s. Grant and MacKellar v. Same, £24 16s 4d. In each case judgment went by default; in case of non-payment, distress to issue. D. A. Jolly and Co. v. John Muirhead, £48 9s. No appearance; judgment by default. Failing payment, distress.—In the Warden's Court, the following applications were granted:—Extended claim, 4 acres, and tail-race, Woon Chum and others, Nevis. Protection, 90 days each, D. M'Gregor and others, Doctor's Flat, and Ah Sov and another, Adams Gully. An application by A. M'Levi, for a residence area of one acre at Maori Point, Clutha River, was adjourned 14 days for further information.

On Wednesday last a deputation consisting of Messrs V. Pyke, M.H.R., Roberts, Davie, R. Oliver, M.H.R., and J. T. Mackerras, waited upon the Hon. Mr Macandrew, Minister of Public Works, with reference to the Strath-tairi Railway. Mr Pyke urged strongly the necessity of immediately calling for tenders for the construction of such portions of the projected railway as had been surveyed in detail and were now ready for the purpose, and more especially with regard to those portions running through Mullocky Gully and Poolburn Gorge. The Hon. Mr Macandrew replied that with regard to the Mullocky Gully portion it was intended that tenders should be called for a section there during the first week in February. It was also intended to reserve a section between that point and the junction with the main line, with a view of employing labor there in the event of there being a want of public employment at any time before the completion of the whole line. Respecting the Poolburn portion, that would be taken into consideration at an early date. The hon. gentleman also said that when operations were commenced, Mr Vincent Pyke would be invited to turn the first sod of the Strath-tairi Railway.

A Jackson's Bay settler, Mr Charles Robinson, arrived in Cromwell on Saturday from that place, having accomplished the journey in the shortest time on record—three days. Mr Robinson left Jackson's Bay on Wednesday morning at 6 a.m., and describes the road as very rough. Two horses were knocked up on the journey. With several partners, Mr Robinson is carrying on a saw-mill at the Bay, and they have now 240,000 feet of timber ready for shipment. They have full demand for all they can supply. The barque Jane Ann is now lying at Jackson's Bay ready to load up, but it was found that the vessel could not get close enough in shore to get cargo on board. To meet the difficulty, Mr Robinson had to come to Cromwell to telegraph the steamer Waipa to come round from Hokitika to convey the timber from the shore to the barque. He makes bitter complaints about the carelessness of the Government in the matter of erecting a jetty at the Bay, which has been long promised. Soundings have been taken with this object, and the work promised forthwith, but the settlers are getting sick of this "hope deferred." Mr Robinson says the want of this jetty is killing the settlement, and that were it erected, three or four other mills would soon be started. The supply of timber—red and white pine—is practically inexhaustible, and our informant thinks that the timber trade will be the chief industry in the settlement. He does not think much of the prospects of agriculture, as the open land is not first-class, and is limited in area. Gold-mining at present is chiefly confined to prospecting. There are in all about thirty people at the settlement. The Italians are clearing out; they are offered work on the Haast track, but decline on the ground that it is too far from their homes.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of above body was held in the Council Chambers on Friday evening. Present—The Mayor, Crs Arndt, Behrens, Scott, Wishart, Solomon and Stuart.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence, outward and inward, was read and approved. Outgoing letters were (1) From Mayor to Hon. Minister of Lands respecting ownership of Town Belt; (2) to the County Chairman, asking that, in view of a bridge being erected at Dead-man's Point, the County authorities cause to be surveyed from the bridge to town boundary a road to junction with Gay-street; (3) From E. Murrell, secretary to local Fire Brigade, to the secretary Dunedin Fire Brigade, authorising the ordering of certain plant and material from London. (4) From Mr Colclough, late clerk and collector, intimating that on consideration he had decided to accept of no compromise of his account against the Corporation, as passed on his resignation of office. Incoming correspondence comprised a letter from Mr Wilson, Corporation solicitor, stating that he had taken action to bring a test case into Court for the recovery of rents for occupation of section 1, block XXVII., and asking that certain papers be prepared by the Clerk.—Ordered that the Clerk comply with Mr Wilson's request.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts to the amount of £21 16s 6d were presented and passed for payment.

MORE ACCOMMODATION.

Cr Arndt, in accordance with notice of motion, proposed—That a room be built at the rear of present town hall, suitable for use of the town clerk, and that the hall be re-painted and papered, and the front of the building improved.—Seconded by Cr Solomon, and carried.

The Works Committee were requested to prepare specifications for the work, and authorised to carry the motion into effect.

FINANCIAL.

The Mayor intimated that before next meeting he proposed going thoroughly into the financial position of the Corporation. He thought it time the Council made some provision for a sinking fund to meet the waterworks loan. The Act laid down that such should be done.

The Council seemed averse to any action in this direction until the Borough funds were in a better condition, and the subject dropped.

STREET TRESPASSERS.

Cr Scott desired to hear the Mayor's opinion on the subject of "Block IX." He had, on his election, intimated that he had a project for settling this matter, and he (Cr Scott) would like to hear his views.

The Mayor was glad the subject had been mooted. He noticed from the valuation lists that all the occupants of so-called "Block IX"—in reality the street—were entered thereon this year. It was competent for any citizen to object to their being on the Burgess roll, and now was the time for any one who thought the occupants should not be there to take action against them. If no councillor would test the question, it would prove a want of sincerity.

Cr Scott—We are here as a public body, and should act as such, and not throw the work on any individual. Let the police be instructed to remove the trespassers on the street.

The Mayor was not sure they were on the street, seeing that a resolution had been passed narrowing Melmore-Terrace to 57ft.

Crs Scott and Arndt denied that the street had been legally narrowed, and asserted that it could not be done. Cr Scott affirmed that the Council's resolution narrowing the street had been rescinded. [On referring to minutes it was found that the rescinded resolution referred to the land acquired by narrowing not to be sold.]

The Mayor said that if objections were laid before the Judge of Assessment Court, he would soon settle the question as to whether the street had been legally narrowed or not. He hoped the Council would work amicably to arrive at a definite settlement of the question. He could assure them he would give his best assistance to that end. At present he was impressed with the idea that the ground belonged to the Corporation. They had the power either to sell it, or order the people off. If the street had been legally narrowed, then he would say let them sell the surplus land; if not so narrowed, then the occupants should be removed at once.

Cr Behrens personally did not care a straw how this subject was finally dealt with, but he decidedly objected to one or two men at that Board continually worrying over the thing in direct opposition to the public opinion often expressed.

After further debate, it was proposed by Cr Scott, seconded by Cr Arndt, and carried without dissent—That the Corporation Solicitor be asked to investigate the whole matter, and give his opinion as to whether the street has been legally declared 57 feet wide.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Mayor.

Somebody says that the woman who runs into a neighbor's because it thunders, and screams at every flash, will, when she goes home and finds the fire low, hurry it up with kerosene turned on from a gallon can, as calmly as a doctor giving a baby a spoonful of narcotic soothing syrup.

KAWARAU GORGE SCHOOL.

On Monday, 27th January, the annual education meeting was held in the school-house, Kawarau Gorge. There was a good attendance of householders.

The secretary read the following report and statement of treasurer's accounts:—

Your Committee for the past year held twelve meetings, which were not so numerously attended as could be wished, but we hope for an improvement in this particular for the current year.

Under the unremitting attention and perseverance of your teacher, the children throughout the past year have advanced satisfactorily in their studies: they have all enjoyed excellent health, and appear happy and joyful at their work. The supply of 48ft of new desks by the Board has added much to the comfort of both teacher and pupils. There were, at close of school for vacation, 33 on the roll.

On our entering upon the duties of our office at the beginning of last year the then retiring Committee congratulated us on the efficiency and prosperity of the school. We can now heartily endorse the same to our successors, who are now to be elected by you; indeed, it could not be otherwise from the assiduity and perseverance of your very excellent teacher. "Excelsior" is the key-note in her every action for the advancement and happiness of the children.

In reference to the financial affairs of the school, your Committee have done nothing towards paying off the debt due from last year. Owing to the late calamitous floods and other causes your Committee considered it more prudent to decline advancing any local exertion for that most desirable object during their term of office, but they leave that honor to their successors, trusting that this time twelve months the school, with the aid of the quarterly allowance from the Board for current expenses, will be free of debt.

The treasurer's statement showed—

RECEIPTS.

			£	s.	d.
Fees due in 1877	...	...	...	3	0 8
Cheques from Board	...	...	...	14	5 0

£17 5 8

EXPENDITURE.

Glazing windows	...	0	10	6
Laborer	...	1	16	8
Cartage	...	5	4	0
Stationery	...	0	4	3
Fuel	...	0	19	0
Cleaning	...	3	18	0
George Burrows	...	2	1	6
Hy. Young	...	2	0	0
Glass and putty	...	0	11	0
Balance in hand	...	0	0	9

£17 5 8

LIABILITIES.

Grant and MacKellar	...	19	0	0
Hy. Young	...	1	8	0
Cleaning	...	1	6	0

£21 14 0

Less balance in hand ... 0 0 9

£21 13 3

D. MACKELLAR, Auditor.

Mr Bell having been elected chairman of the meeting, it was

Proposed by Mr Hanson, seconded by Mr Davis—"That the report and treasurer's account be received and adopted."—Carried.

Proposed by Mr Knudsen, seconded by Mr Edwards, and carried—"That the unanimous and best thanks of this meeting be presented to the retiring Committee."

After a few appropriate remarks by Mr Robertson on educational matters and the importance of the business before the meeting, eleven householders were nominated as eligible for new committee for the current year.

The secretaries, Messrs Davis and Hanson, having announced the return of the poll, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected as a Committee for the current year, viz.:—Messrs Davis, 14; Campion, 11; Bell, 10; Robertson, 9; Hanson, 6; John Rowe, 5; Knudsen, 5.

After the usual courtesy to the chair, the meeting adjourned till Friday evening, 31st ult.

Agreeable to statute, on Friday evening, 31st ult., the Committee met, when Mr J. Robertson was elected chairman and Mr R. Bell treasurer and secretary for the current year.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

BOMBAY, January 26.

Yakoob Khan has seized the forts and families of the chief Bakelka Khan. The other tribes of Ghulzee have commenced hostilities against the British.

LONDON, January 27.

The King of the Zulus (Kaffirs) has assembled 8000 men on the frontier. Lord Chelmsford, Commander-in-Chief, has sent an ultimatum giving terms for submission, and intimating that if they are neglected, troops will be immediately advanced.

A French laborer has been arrested for threatening to shoot Gambetta.

The trial of the Glasgow Bank directors continues. The case for the prosecution closed to-day, and the charges of theft and embezzlement were abandoned.

Cape advices say that Cettawayo had not replied to the ultimatum up to the 6th inst., and evidently intends fighting. The British commander gave till the 11th for complete submission, and meanwhile is preparing to cross the frontier.

Germany is preparing to mobilise 80,000 men for the purpose of establishing a sanitary cordon on the Russian frontier.

HAWEA LAKE AND PLAINS.

By A RECENT VISITOR.

Some few weeks ago I had an opportunity of visiting Hawea Lake and portion of the surrounding district, and will give your readers a brief detail of my first impressions respecting same. As I had neither pen nor pencil in my possession at the time, I must depend upon my memory for this narrative. However, I do not intend giving a lengthy, hum-drum, broad-wheeled-waggon sort of a narrative: telling merely where it is situated or the number of inhabitants so comfortably located on the surrounding hills and valleys. I will not dilate on the purity and curative properties of its waters, and other matters already well disposed of in hand-books and business directories; but a light, sketchy, healthy relation, calculated to make the eye of the reader sparkle as if he were drinking the health-giving waters of this beautiful Lake, where sweetness, luxuriance and beauty abound in the prospect, and freshness and purity pervade the air.

In order to reach this beautiful Lake and valley with as little travelling as possible, I was advised to cross the Grand View Ranges, where neither foot-prints nor waymarks point the path in which to walk: yet, owing to the explicit instructions given me by Mr Sims at Morven Hills Station (which place I left at 3 p.m.), I had little difficulty in finding my way to Hawea, which just burst upon my vision as the setting sun, gorgeous in beauty, was mirrored in the glassy Lake below me. The glittering heavens above were brightly reflected, and the setting sun was confronted by the rising moon: at the time, it was hard to say which was the more resplendent in apparel, for each was clad in robes of living light of glowing yellow, purple and crimson; the one above rode upon a cloud, and the one below had another cloud for her canopy, and as the one descended the other advanced to meet him. The scene was really grand, and caused me to exclaim, "When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy hands, the sun and moon, which Thou hast made, what is man that Thou art so mindful of him, &c." As I passed over Grand View Range I noticed large quantities of rubbly quartz strewn about in all directions; and although I neither geologically the hills nor analysed the waters, which in some places were gushing therefrom in gurgling streams, yet, from the nature and appearance of the country, I am inclined to think that rich quartz lodes will yet be discovered in that locality. After thus revelling in the beauties of nature and the gorgeous apparel of the setting sun, I betook myself to my journey, and after some miles of continual descent I reached the residence of the Messrs Drake, sons of the Rev. Mr Drake, of Cromwell, where I was hospitably entertained for the night, and my horse fared sumptuously as well as myself. I have frequently heard it said that all men who emigrate from the Emerald Isle to this Britain of the South claim to be either farmers' sons or priests' brothers, and as I, in common with others, profess to have belonged to the former class, I had much pleasure in looking over this fine farm. Some of the paddocks contain not less than 50 acres, and the crops were looking magnificent here. I noticed a large quantity of machinery by approved makers, including double-furrow ploughs, reaping and thrashing machines, chaff-cutters and many other implements of husbandry too numerous to particularise. I was rather surprised to see farming carried on to such an extent by young men of their age. Their land is well watered and fruitful, and a good stream of pure water flows continually in close proximity to their dwelling. After having partaken of my morning meal, I visited other homesteads on this beautiful and picturesque spot of the earth, where several families are comfortably located, reclining beneath their own vine and fig tree, amongst whom I noticed the Messrs M'Lean Bros., who have succeeded in obtaining good farms alongside the main road to Albert Town, and are comfortably settled thereon; but none of these young men above referred to have as yet taken unto themselves a long-haired partner. Here also I found an old acquaintance who was to the front when there was a good block of land to be secured. I now refer to Mr Donald M'Leenan, of Blair Hall, to whom I am also greatly indebted, and the success of my mission to these parts is attributable to the interest he took therein. Upon the whole, I have seldom come in contact with a more generous and hospitable people than the residents of Hawea plains. Scarcely a house did I enter where I was not asked to partake of some refreshments. Whether a little cavalcade from that place puts in an appearance at Good Templars Lodges or not, I cannot say, but conclude that they are abstemious; for as yet no bloated-faced publican has ventured to tempt them by his alluring baits, or set traps for their feet. Here also I found Mr Cayford, blacksmith, formerly of your own town, to whom I remarked that I had read in THE CROMWELL ARGUS that he had come too soon to the Flat to make his calling remunerative, but Mr Cayford does not seem to think so himself, and I presume he is best able to judge. He has a substantial building partly erected, in which he intends to retail spirituous liquors of the best brands, when completed and fitted up according to the rules and regulations of the licensing laws of the land. A place of public accommodation must really be greatly needed there, as the hospitality of the settlers must have been very often put to the test by travellers and "sundowners." I now conclude my brief sketch by stating that I will not soon forget the expansive

glittering Lake Hawea and Plains. The whole prospect was so beautiful that angels might have looked down with admiration on His mighty workmanship who created the "heavens and the earth, and the sea and all that in them is." Should I again visit these parts, I shall not forget my pencil, and will give you a more minute detail of what may attract my notice. The only complaint I heard uttered while in these parts seems to be the general complaint all over Otago by settlers and would-be settlers, and appears to give just grounds for grumbling, viz., that the greater portion of the best agricultural land has become the private property of squatters and capitalists, who even refuse to assist in the erection of boundary fences, and in all probability will introduce the landlord and tenant system ere long.

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 30.

The most interesting and exciting event of the past fortnight has been the railway opening through from Christchurch to Invercargill. Of course, as most of your readers will be aware, the greater part of the line has been open for a length of time; it was only the section between Balclutha and Clinton, a distance of a little over 20 miles, which really was travelled over by the public for the first time. A large number of people went upon the excursion trip, some 50 or 60 from Canterbury, and the most of the others from Dunedin. Whoever was responsible for the issuing of the invitations made a grand mess of things. Mr J. C. Brown, the member for Lawrence, who had no more to do with the line than the man in the moon, is said to have been given some 20 cards of invitation for distribution amongst his friends; while Mr W. J. Thomson, through the centre of whose district the new line passes, got only a beggarly single card for himself. Mr Thomson did not go, probably on account of this treatment. There were several other matters of a like nature, showing that favor goes by kissing, even in the matter of invitations to a railway opening.

The accident to Mr Conyers threw a gloom over the otherwise delightfully festive occasion. Mr Conyers is a man who, on occasions of excursion trips, appears always to get into a state of worry lest an accident should occur. He is an old engine-driver, and always rides on the engine to keep a look-out that everything shall be right on the line. As the train was nearing Gore on this occasion, a dog got on the line and was run over; Mr Conyers was bending over the side of the engine to see what became of this dog, when, probably as he was turning round to look ahead again, his temple came into contact with a water-tank, which being a temporary affair, was stuck on top of a pile of sleepers closer to the line than such tanks ordinarily are. The train was going about ten miles an hour at the time, and the blow he received was sufficient to inflict a deep gash over his eye, and stun him. He held on with his arm round portion of the framing of the engine for a few yards and then fell to the ground, where he lay senseless and bleeding profusely when some of the passengers got to him.

Invercargill was excessively joyous over the grand opening event. She put her best foot foremost, and with salvos of artillery, illuminations, triumphal arches, torchlight processions, brass band music and a noble banquet, welcomed her Northern visitors right royally. In the language of the local paper, "Invercargill is a nice town, and has wider streets than any other in the colony," and the visitors did their best to deserve and requite the hospitality by praising everything and everybody they saw—from the noble wide streets the town is so proud of to the bandsmen who discoursed the music at the banquet. Reckless prophecies of a magnificent future for what is decidedly the finest agricultural district in New Zealand, and the profuse of compliments about Southland pluck and energy, Southland brains and beauty (as represented at the banquet) and Southland summer weather, put everybody on good terms, and those who stayed for a day or two taking their pleasure will remember the opening of the line to Invercargill as a sunny memory in their life's history.

Next to the opening of the railway line matters religious have created most interest. Messrs Green and Bright spent four nights in front of immense audiences in the Queen's Theatre laboring to prove and disprove the deity of Jesus Christ and the divine origin of Christianity. The Hons. Ballance and Stout honored the discussion with their presence on the stage, and such a crowd of Christians and anti-Christians—all respectable, earnest and interested in the highest degree—never before assembled together in Dunedin. Ladies in galore attended, too. Of course the opinions of none were changed by the discussion. Mr Bright, however, believes that he has sown good seed in the way of spreading his free-thought doctrines. He certainly never before had such a chance of driving hard nuts into orthodox ears, and flatters himself some of them were hard to crack. It will suffice to show the interest taken in the affair to say that the evening paper, which reported the discussion, printed two and three hundred extra nightly to supply the demand. A shorthand reporter got £25 for taking a full note of what was said, and the whole debate will be published in pamphlet form.

Another item of religious news of interest is the arrival of the celebrated Mr Henry Varley, the great revivalist. He is not

going to "take," or to cause the excitement in Dunedin that Mr Somerville did. Somerville, whatever else he was, was earnest; it is doubtful whether as much can be said for Varley. He is a heavy sensuous-looking man; very dark; and having that oily look of sanctification about him that always rouses so strong a suspicion of hypocrisy. He talks about his Lord in an awfully familiar way, as if he had thrown off all feelings of reverence long ago, and he can "blow" about himself immensely. "I left a business in London in which I would have made a fortune to engage in Christ's work," he says, "and I remember telling the Lord I would expect in return a goodly heritage in his vineyard," by which probably he means a goodly number of saved sinners put to his credit in the ledger that is popularly supposed to be kept up above. He is pretty rough on his "h's" occasionally, and of course has to go in a good deal for effect, roaming about the stage nervously, and enforcing sublime truths with his left in a manner that would lead one to believe he had received a pugilistic training. The two hands now and then are lifted up together, but never the right hand singly, and the left is shot out from the shoulder in a very suggestive manner. The oily nature of the man is exemplified by the way in which he speaks of his friends, no matter whether of a year or a day. "Dear Mr Spurgeon," "dear Mr Moody," "dear Dr Stuart," and "dear Mr Brunton," come tripping off his tongue in a fashion highly aggravating—one can call it by no other term. Altogether he is a disappointment, and the people of Dunedin evidently think him so, for they attend his meetings in but scant numbers.

THE "MODEL" COUNTY AND ITS FUNCTIONARIES.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—There is a tradition among the dwellers in this district that a commonage ranger exists somewhere. His duties are apparently to carry out the name of a ranger, and to draw its contingent salary; and there the matter seems to end. It is a well-known fact, that scores of sheep and cattle have been depastured on the commonage without a license, whereby people that pay for theirs are sufferers, for in the course of a month or so, when feed gets scarce, the wrong-doers will take their cattle away, leaving the rest to work out their destiny—which is starvation. But nothing else could be expected, when the billet of ranger needed £1,000 qualification. I hope the councillors will see the error of their ways, in letting the offices of valuator, collector and ranger combined. A man may require £1,000 qualification for the two first-named, but for the last, we want a man who understands his work, and who will carry it out without fear or favor. As things are at present we may as well have nobody, and give the money to the hospital.

And now a few words about the startling announcement that prices tendered for public works are not to be made public. The current opinion is, that by that little arrangement, the councillors will be able to favor some of their friends at the ratepayers' expense, and certainly, if the transactions of the council cannot stand daylight, they are open to grave suspicion. It is certainly a device, either of the Evil One or of Mr P., and it does not tend towards strengthening the confidence ratepayers have in their representatives. Amendment from such crooked ways is absolutely necessary,—we demand it as a moral right. I have also something to say about the proposed Bendigo road. Plan No. 3, estimated at L11,860 including bridge (L3,000) and approaches, seems to have taken the fancy of the council, through the recommendation of the engineer. What sort of bridge for heavy traffic can be built for L3,000, I leave any sensible man to guess, especially in a place where the span at high-water mark will be twice the span of Cromwell bridge. After the first flood the pieces of it would be used for firewood by the Chinese along the river. To make a substantial structure would take at least L10,000, which, along with the road, would bring it up to nearly L20,000. By the proposed route the convenience of the people on Mt. Pisa side of the river is not receiving the slightest consideration; it seems to me only Cromwell, Quartz-reef Point and Bendigo are in the running at present, but I think the settlers on the west bank of the Clutha should have a word to say at the finish. It would certainly not suit us to go near Cromwell to cross the river when a bridge at Rocky Point would suit all parties; and furthermore, in event of a railway to Albert Town, a bridge at Rocky Point is absolutely necessary. Therefore, if the present bridge can be extended for L15,000 or L16,000, by all means let it be done. It is a work we all will derive a benefit from, whereas the proposed route by Dead-man's Point would actually cost more and not answer the purpose so well. In the meantime, let a road be constructed from Rocky Point to a convenient place for a ferry, to keep the traffic open, and also keep the Lowburn ferry open free of charge. It is the least that can be done for Quartz-reef Point, where the people contribute largely to the revenue, and up till now have received nothing in return. At any rate, I hope the councillors will give the matter due consideration before allowing the ratepayers' money to be experimented with in a model bridge at Dead-man's Point for the convenience of a limited number, while Rocky Point bridge would suit us all. Let the estimates be taken by a thoroughly competent engineer, and you will then see which plan is cheapest.—I am, &c., HAWEA.

Lowburn, January 31, 1879.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The Canterbury land sales on 27th ult. amounted to the enormous sum of £41 Truly, a great falling-off.

One thousand ounces of gold was recently escorted from Switzers Goldfield, being the result of eight weeks' work.

Typhoid fever and diphtheria are prevalent at Timaru. The sickness is attributed to the weather and want of water.

The death is announced of John Thomas Smith, formerly a Victorian Minister of the Crown, and seven times Mayor of Melbourne.

Michael Brooks, one of the oldest residents in Naseby, died there very suddenly last week. He was intimately connected with most public matters concerning the district.

A Timaru the other day a man named John Cassidy died in the Hospital from typhoid fever. He had been placed in a strait-jacket, and treated for *delirium tremens*. An enquiry is to be held.

Major Gordon, inspector of Volunteers, who has for some considerable time been ill at Auckland, has now become so seriously ill as to cause grave anxiety among his friends as to his ultimate recovery.

Four thousand feet of space in the Exhibition has been offered to New Zealand, but the commissioner thinks this will be inadequate if the New Zealand exhibitors receive proper support from the public throughout the colony.

A Victorian Anti-Chinese Association has been formed, its object being the restriction, and, if necessary, the complete prohibition of Chinese immigration to the Colony and the absolute discontinuance of trade and traffic with the Chinese already there.

The Exhibition Commission at Sydney decided on the 21st inst. to carry on the work by night as well as day by the aid of the electric light. An order has been sent Home by telegraph for a supply of Jablochkof candles, similar to those used at the construction of the Thames embankment.

Mr F. Lühning, tobacconist, well known in Dunedin and West Coast, attempted to get off the Wellington tramway without asking the guard to stop. Mr Lühning stumbled and fell right under the wheels, which passed over his body, mutilating him frightfully. Death was almost instantaneous.

A remarkably rare bird was found a few days since on the banks of the Mararoa River, Wallace County. Only two specimens of the *rara avis* are known to exist, and these are in the British Museum. In appearance it resembles the swamp hen, but is of a heavier and larger make.

Kelsall, the drill instructor of the Napier Volunteers, was shot in the leg on the rifle range last week. Some members of the Rifle Association were firing, when Kelsall, who was marking at the butts, came out showing the danger flag, as he thought the shooting was finished. A carbine bullet struck him in the calf of the leg, going right through the left leg. He was attended to by Dr Delisle, but has since died.

The *North Otago Times* says:—A gentleman who has been travelling in the colonies has brought to Oamaru from Lake Wanaka some interesting geological specimens, which he has presented to the Mechanics' Institute. There is one perfect specimen of a fossil fern leaf, besides some fine stalactites. As this is in the centre of a district where many curious fossil remains are to be found, it would be well if a collection could be got, to make the nucleus of a Geological Museum.

The *Wairarapa Daily* has the following:—A paragraph in our issue a few days back inquired the whereabouts of one Mr Hamilton, supposed to be on a Wairarapa Station, heir to an estate at home worth £40,000 per annum. We understand that the man has been found in Sergeant John Alfred Vernon Hamilton of the Greytown Volunteers, who a few days ago might have been seen working at the Catholic Church at Masterton as a jobbing hand for Messrs Bishop and Hawkins, contractors. The heir to this princely fortune was a prominent member of the late Greytown Good Templars Lodge for a period which was, alas, too brief.

The returns of the Australian goldfields, lately published, show that in N. S. Wales during the year there was a falling off in the yield of 30,000ozs, valued at £112,000. But in Queensland the yield of gold had increased by 36,900ozs. In N. S. Wales the total yield was 97,500ozs; in Queensland, 373,200 ozs. In the latter colony the average yield of gold per individual was 20ozs 17dwt, valued at £72 19s 6d, a totally inadequate remuneration for the labor and hardship endured and skill employed in the undertaking. We understand that there are about three Chinamen to every European, and under the circumstances, John Chinaman's lot as a digger need excite no envy.

The extraordinary rifle-shooting of Mr Joseph Partello, a clerk in the War Department at Washington is thus recorded by the *New York Herald*:—"On the afternoon of the 1st October, during a practice trial at the target ranges of the Columbia Rifle Association, he achieved the extraordinary score of 224 out of a possible 225. In other words, he made at the three ranges of 800, 900, and 1,000 yards, 44 out of a maximum of 45 bullseyes. The actual record was, first, a string of 15 bullseyes at the 800 yards range, which he followed up with 12 bullseyes at 900 yards. The next shot was a 'centre,' but the marksman at once recovered his extraordinary skill, finishing the 900 yards with two bullseyes, and completing his record by an unbroken string of 15 bullseyes at the 1,000 yards."

Sweeps to the value of £9,000 are now being advertised in the Christchurch papers.

The estimated yield of gold in Victoria for 1878 was 753,793 ounces, or a decrease of 39,046 ounces on the previous year. The estimated decrease in the miners employed is 1,500.

Some horrible revelations have been made as to the quality of the water supplied from the Wellington water-works to the public. The water has been proved to be highly injurious to health.

The *Ashburton Mail* says that Ashburton is a "jolly little town," and founds its observation on the fact that drunkenness is making gigantic strides—there being no less than 40 cases in excess of the number "brought up" in the preceding quarter.

The month of January has been the worst ever known for sickness and death in the Christchurch district. Ninety deaths were registered for last month alone, and it is known that five or six deaths have yet to be registered.

The *Hamilton Spectator* relates that one effect of the Kelly scare in Victoria is that "by Thursday's train three bank managers, one of whom was from Portland and two from Hamilton, left for Melbourne in charge of treasure belonging to their respective banks. The managers took with them about £25,000. It is not so much from fear of the Kelly gang that the banks are organising an escort system of their own, but rather from an apprehension that in the present lawless state of the colony the immunity enjoyed by the Mansfield gang will cause a bad example to be imitated by others."

A special telegram to the *Daily Times*, dated Wellington, January 27th, says:—"There are queer rumors about the Government buildings regarding Mr Luckie's appointment. It was offered him in writing by the Hon. Mr Ballance, the salary being stated at £800. He accepted it, and was installed by the Hon. Mr Ballance, who, before leaving for the South, introduced him to the officers of the department. He got his room, and occupied it for one day only; since then he has not been acting. The report is that Sir G. Grey disapproved of the appointment altogether, and now absolutely refuses to sanction a salary of more than £600 a year. There is a good deal of talk about the matter."

THE GARDEN.

FEBRUARY.

Kitchen Garden.—If any operations recommended for last month remain unfinished, they must no longer be delayed. Make the last sowing of turnips for the season early in the month. Sow early cabbage in a cool, shaded spot; also curled greens and spinach. Rhubarb usually makes stronger growth at this season than in spring, and growth will be accelerated by a top-dressing of short manure being placed over the roots, and a little guano applied during the moist weather will repay the outlay. Two or three leaves ought to be left on each Rhubarb stool, as too bare cutting tends to weaken the plants.

Fruit Garden.—Trained trees will require attention. See that the ties of grafts are all removed. Thin raspberry canes, to admit light and air to those intended bearing for next season.

Flower Garden.—Dahlias and hollyhocks will require strict attention as to staking and watering. A good mulching of manure placed over their roots will prevent evaporation, and produce rapid growth. Propagate by cutting the petunias, verbena, calceolarias, geranium, antirrhinum, fuchsia, ageratum, &c. Roses may still be budded, and cuttings of the china and noisette class will root freely if put into a cool shaded pot. Keep the green fly in check by frequently syringing. Set cuttings of scarlet and other geraniums. Renew old geraniums by cutting down, and by shaking the soil completely away from the roots, and by re-potting in small-sized pots, in rather poor light soil; set them under glass until they have again started into growth.

Apple trees of old standing are all the better for summer pruning, which should be done with a knife that is not too sharp. Most of the young shoots may be taken out by holding the knife firmly in the hand, and bending the young wood over it; in this way the pores of the wood are partially stopped, and consequently there is less bleeding and loss of strength to the tree. Being thus relieved of superfluous growth, they keep freer of blight, and it also greatly lessens the work of winter pruning. Other kinds of fruit trees are also amenable to summer pruning, but in this climate it more particularly applies to the apple. Young trees of one or two years' planting should have the shoots shortened to about one-half or one-third their length, and they will then, during the remainder of the season, make nice wood to form compact and shapely heads for future bearing.

"Satan died here," reads a Pittsburgh sign; but it was not till an astute Alleghany Dutchman enquired when he died there, that the people understood that they could get satin dyed.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Sure Relief.—The Weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest man inevitably soon sinks into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

A New Zealand Immigrant Ship on Fire.

The following particulars of the ship *Piako's* eventful voyage have been published:—The *Piako* is a clipper-built iron vessel, launched from the yard of Messrs Alexander Stephen and Sons in 1877, and registering 1,075 tons. She has made two successful voyages to and from the colony, and on this occasion was on her third voyage. The ship left Plymouth, bound to Lyttelton, on the morning of October 11th, under command of Captain W. B. Boyd, being well officered, manned and equipped. Besides a cargo of about 1,050 tons, she had 288 emigrants on board. The earlier part of the voyage was uneventful. The ship made a splendid run, and on November 11th was in about 7deg. S., longitude 32deg. W., or less than 200 hundred miles from Pernambuco. At 10.45 a.m. on that day, Captain Boyd had just left the deck, and was in his cabin making an entry in his official log, when Mr Holbeck, the chief officer, came to him and reported that smoke was issuing through the lower fore-hatch. Captain Boyd at once went forward, and removing one of the hatches, went below; there was every sign of fire, but the smoke was not dense. He at once ordered the fire-bell to be rung, and the hoses were brought to play down the hatchway over the coal, while a full force was put on to break out cargo and find out where the fire was. Within six minutes of the first report of the fire Captain Boyd distinctly saw a flame about 20 feet abaft the foremost tier of cargo. At once the hose was brought to play on it under the direction of the second officer, Mr Hazlewood. The captain then ran on deck to get the carpenter to cut a hole in the 'tween decks over the flame. He was absent only two minutes, but on his return huge volumes of black, sulphurous smoke were coming up the hatchway, and the men were running up on deck to save their lives. Captain Boyd then at once closed down the hatches, and covered everything with wet blankets. He then tried to get through by the married people's compartment, but he and his volunteers were driven back almost stifled. All the hatches were then closed, and also the scuppers, and the master had the maindeck flooded, the two engines playing down the forehatch and holes cut in the upper-deck, and the donkey-engine playing down the air-shaft. Captain Boyd at this time altered the ship's course to make Pernambuco. In a comparatively short time the combings of the hatches became so hot that they could not be touched. Meanwhile all the boats were got out, alongside and some stores put in, but even from the after store-room the hands were driven back by the fire, and that had to be battened down too. About two p.m., most providentially, a barque was sighted on the weather bow, and Captain Boyd made signals of distress, and bore up to her. The vessel proved to be the *Loch Doon*, bound from San Francisco to Cork. At 3 p.m. Captain Boyd commenced the transhipment of his passengers, which was happily accomplished in two hours, without the slightest accident. Of course, now that all danger of the sacrifice of human life was past, Captain Boyd's chief anxiety was over, but having done his duty by the passengers, he was loth to neglect the further heavy interests confided to him, and determined not to abandon his ship and cargo if his crew would stick by him. He told them he intended, if possible, to take the ship into port, and every man on board said that he would (and they did) stick to the ship, and right manfully they worked, never leaving the pumps till 4 p.m. on the 13th, when the ship reached Pernambuco Roads. The *Loch Doon* followed her, and reached there a few hours afterwards. The origin of the fire had not then been ascertained; every regulation had been carefully observed, and the captain is certain no one could have got below. Immediately on his arrival at Pernambuco, Captain Boyd waited on H.B.M. Consul, and conferred with him and the President of the State as to arrangements for the care and comfort of the emigrants. Everything possible was done to ameliorate their unfortunate position. They were all landed on Coconut Island (Ilha de Moqueria), where a large house and outbuildings were available. The Consul was unwilling to supply clothing, but Captain Boyd ordered it for the emigrants at the Company's expense, and also arranged for their being provisioned suitably, and at the date of the advices all were in excellent health and spirits, and most comfortably housed. To revert to the ship. The fire was gaining rapidly, and it was deemed necessary to scuttle her. She was smoking and blazing up to the moment she was submerged.

Late telegraphic advices have apprised the Company of the raising of the ship and her sailing again with her living freight on the 29th December. She may be expected at Lyttelton about the 14th or 15th of February.

A perusal of Captain Boyd's simple narrative of the accident leaves the impression that he acted with calmness, judgment, discretion and energy under most trying circumstances, and doubtless to these circumstances, and to the excellent support he received from his officers and men, is to be attributed the happy result that no lives have been lost, and though the cargo must all be more or less damaged, the ship has been saved.

Men of Letters.—Corresponding secretaries and sign painters.

Take care of the poor Indian and he'll "take hair" off the white man.

The Most Wonderful Railroad in the World.

The Callao, Lima, and Oroya Railroad, generally known as the Oroya Railroad, now the Trans-Andine Railroad, is probably the most wonderful railroad in existence. It was contracted for by Henry Meiggs in 1869, at a cost of 21,804,000dols., or 27,000,000dols. in bonds. Work was begun in January, 1870. When commenced, the English Company had got the right of way from Callao to Lima, and Mr Meiggs could get no special rates for his material. The enormous cost of freighting everything for his road would make it ruinous to build. One day there suddenly appeared hundreds of men, evidently making a railway from Lima to Callao. The English company went to see about it, and then got out an injunction to stop the work. Mr Meiggs calmly asked them whose land the workmen were on, and then they found he had quietly bought up all that land, and was building a private road on his own grounds and for his own use. Leaving Callao the road to Lima is in the finest condition. Ballasted with cobble stones no dust arises; trains every half hour; fare forty cents; four separate depôts accommodate different parts of the city. No one who makes a round trip on this road ever regrets it and seldom desires a second. The heights and distances are so great that few heads are not affected. From San Mateo to Anchi the road passes through "Infernillos" (Little Hell). Nearly perpendicular walls from 2,000ft to 3,000ft hem in the River Rimac, having a width of from 200ft to 400ft. At first it was proposed to make a cut in the side of these mountains, but fearing the falling of loose rock, it was decided to tunnel. Miners were let down with ropes one-quarter and one-half mile long to certain indicated points on the rocky wall every 500ft more or less, and after they had entered a few feet began working to the right and left, using the entrance as a place from whence to throw the excavated material. About midway a bend in the river made it necessary either to make a dangerous curve or span the chasm. The latter was chosen, and now a bridge unites the tunnel about 400ft above the river-bed. Emerging from thesecond of these tunnels at Anchi, the Rimac is re-crossed, and the road follows up the River Blanco a few miles, which it crosses, and then enters a mountain, where it turns around in a curved tunnel, and emerging a few hundred feet above, recrosses the river and returns past Anchi, and continues up the River Rimac. At Chichla, a few miles further, the road passes the town, returns, crosses its own track and the Rimac, turns and passes again, and reversing, returns and again doubles on itself, having passed Chichla five times. The view from the summit, 15,568ft, at the entrance to the Galera tunnel is not so imposing as at other points. A plateau of a few miles square, with lakes and patches of snow, and surrounded by peaks, many covered with snow, is all one sees. But the oppression of breathing, the quickened pulse (130 to 140 per minute), the dull, dizzy head, and the cold frosty air make an impression one never forgets.

A Black List.

From the date of the stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank there has been on an average a large bankruptcy a day. On the day the investigators' report was published four or five houses suspended, and ever since stoppages have been reported at the rate of two and three a day. Most of the estates are like Hough, Balfour and Co.'s, said to show well on the books, but it may be a different matter what they realise in the present state of the markets. Various firms with large obligations held within a small area have not announced themselves, but they have placed their books in the hands of accountants and referred their creditors to them for information. Subjoined is a rough list of the principal stoppages, beginning with the Bank and including all its ramifications. They are given in the order of their occurrence:—

City of Glasgow Bank	£12,404,297
Smith, Fleming and Co., London	3,000,000
Potter, Wilson and Co., Glasgow	216,177
Lewis Potter, Glasgow	16,451
William Simons and Co., Renfrew	40,000
Colin H. Dunlop and Co., Glasgow	30,000
T. D. Finlay and Co., Glasgow	200,000
T. Bowman and Co., Glasgow	8,000
M. Dunlop, baker, Glasgow	12,000
Brown, McLeod and Adam, Glasgow	16,000
R. Johnstons, Glasgow	5,000
J. Young and Son, Paisley	—
W. E. Bailie, stockbroker, Edinburgh	6,000
Hough, Balfour and Co., Manchester	2,500,000
Wm. Leigh, Firgrove, Rochdale	11,000
Chapman, Horn and Co., Blyth	20,000
Westwick and Kock, London	70,000
Gorton Bros., Manchester	5,000
Lalour and Watson, Leith	—
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